

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction of the application to one of four inventions: Claims 1-14 and 27; claims 15-20; claims 21-26; and claims 28-30. Applicants hereby elect invention I of claims 1-14 and 27. The remaining claims, claims 15-26 and 28-30 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

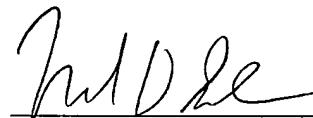
The Examiner also required election of a species and sub-species. The applicants hereby elect Species I and sub-species A - Figure 1. Claims 1-14 and 27 read on the elected species. Claims 1-14 and 27 are generic.

Prompt and favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should the Examiner believe it would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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